

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have also been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

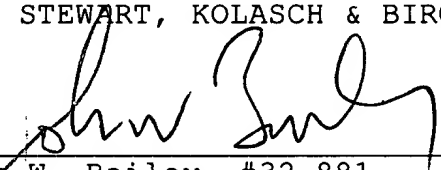
Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Version With Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

The specification has been amended to provide cross-referencing to the International Application.

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The process according to [any one of claims 1 to 3]claim 1 or 2, wherein the raw material particles comprise dry particles obtained by spray-drying a slurry containing the water-soluble component.

5. (Amended) The process according to [any one of claims 1 to 4]claim 1 or 2, wherein the amount of the aqueous medium to be brought in contact is from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight as water, based on 100 parts by weight of the raw material particles.

6. (Amended) A process for preparing detergent particles comprising a step of mixing a surfactant composition and the particles for supporting a surfactant obtained by the process according to [any one of claims 1 to 5]claim 1 or 2, under conditions that the surfactant composition shows a liquid state.